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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claims 1, 10, and 17, the applicant's particular system and associated method comprising [receiving at said reference vehicle, by way of an inter-vehicle communication network, a target vehicle data communicated from said target vehicle; and modifying said reference vehicle headway distance as a function of said target vehicle data]... in combination with the other limitations of the claims, was not disclosed by, would not have been obvious over, nor would have been fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

The dependent claims, being further limiting to the independent claims, definite and enabled by the Specification are also allowed.

The closest prior art, Isogai et al (2001/0039472) disclose [a similar vehicular adaptive control system]. Isogai et al do not disclose [receiving at said reference vehicle, by way of an inter-vehicle communication network, a target vehicle data communicated from said target vehicle; and modifying said reference vehicle headway distance as a function of said target vehicle data]. Thus, the closest prior art fails to anticipate or render Applicant's limitations above obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Communication

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronnie Mancho whose telephone number is 703-305-6318. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs: 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Black can be reached on 703-305-8233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-305-7687.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

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